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Detroit Metropolitan Airport sees increase of more than 800,000 passengers at end of second quarter

-- Origin & destination traffic and operations also up

DETROIT (July 27, 2016) – Passenger traffic at Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) has grown by more than 817,000 passengers in the first half of 2016, compared to the same time last year, according to data released today by the airport’s Department of Financial Planning & Analysis. The 5.1 percent year-over-year increase adds up to 16,885,617 passengers, which can be partially attributed to new service and increased demand in the market.

“The airlines continue to add routes to DTW, which in many cases has led to lower fares, plus the local economy is thriving,” said Airport Authority CEO Thomas Naughton. “This is an ideal combination resulting in more travelers and a boost to our region.”

While total passenger traffic climbs, origin and destination (O&D) traffic figures are on track to set an all-time annual record. O&D passengers are those who are not connecting at DTW, but beginning or ending their trips at the airport. So far this year, O&D traffic has jumped 4.2 percent over the prior year and monthly records were set in March as well as May.

“The upward trend really shows how much Detroit has bounced back and that’s something I think the airlines are starting to believe as we tell them our story in the pursuit of even more service,” said Airport Authority Director of Air Service Development Joe Cambron. “We’ve had 45 meetings with airline route planners so far this year and this is the kind of data that gets them more interested.”

Collaboration between the airlines and DTW has produced new airlines and numerous new routes at the McNamara and North terminals in recent years. In 2014, JetBlue and Alaska Airlines began service at DTW, followed by Virgin Atlantic in 2015. In June of

this year, the first ever daily non-stop service from Detroit to Munich began on Delta Air Lines. Alaska doubled service to Seattle for the summer. Frontier Airlines added seasonal Ft. Myers and ongoing Phoenix routes, and Spirit Airlines added non-stop service to Baltimore and Philadelphia. Southwest Airlines also recently announced it will resume its weekend Orlando service in early 2017.

Aircraft take-offs and landings, known as operations, are up 5.2 percent for the first half of the year, compared to the same time period in 2015.

“We’re proud of the growth at DTW and we’ll continue working hard in an effort to continue this positive momentum,” Naughton said.

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Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) welcomed more than 33 million passengers in 2015 and is one of the world’s leading air transportation hubs. With service from 13 scheduled passenger airlines, Michigan’s largest airport offers more than 1,100 flights per day to and from more than 140 non-stop destinations on four continents. With two award-winning passenger terminals, six jet runways, and an onsite AAA Four-Diamond Westin Hotel, DTW is among the world’s most efficient, customer friendly and operationally capable airports in North America. DTW is operated by **Wayne County Airport Authority**, which also operates nearby **Willow Run Airport** – an important corporate, cargo and general aviation facility. **The Airport Authority is entirely self-sustaining and does not receive tax dollars to support airport operations.** Visit www.metroairport.com for more information.